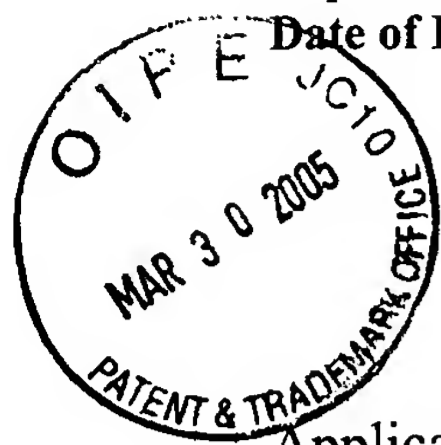


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Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mail dated September 30, 2004, Applicants submit the following Amendments and comments. A petition for an extension of time, up to and including March 30, 2005, and the required fee are included.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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